

PASTOR'S CORNER

Build the House!

Pastor Dean

Psalm 127:1 *"Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it..."*

Studying the Bible. Why do we do it at all? I like to think of it in terms of building a house. If you were to set about building a four-sided house, you wouldn't dream of only putting up one wall and then walking away and never touching it again. Especially if winter is coming on. You would be incredibly diligent. You'd get that foundation poured before cold weather hits, and you'd get after framing the four walls, then the roof. You'd get the sheeting up and the Tyvek, and get the windows in so you could work inside all winter. You get the picture. Nobody puts up a half a wall and nails a blue tarp to it and says he's ready for winter.

But, unfortunately, that's exactly what we have done with the Bible, and with our knowledge of the faith. We go through confirmation, and we know the Lord's Prayer... the confession of faith. We go through a few readings on Sunday, and say that our house is built. It is not.

Think of the books of the Bible as the various portions of a house. The Gospels, say, are the foundation. Beyond their names, and maybe the Sermon on the Mount, how well do you know the Gospels? How about the rest of the Scriptures? Is your foundation ready for winter? How about the walls? The roof? The heating system? Are we ready for winter? It's coming!

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Lutheran Church is
a Sanctuary
grounded in the
Biblical
Truth of God's
Word, committed to
inspiring Spiritual Growth,
and reaching out to
all to Proclaim
Salvation through
Jesus Christ.**

Sweet Devotions

A Work in Process

Philippians 1:6 *Being confident of this, that He Who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.*

We are all a work in process, aren't we? But isn't it comforting to know that we are in our Father's hands! We go through many seasons in our lives; seasons of joy, sorrow, even times of self-destruction lost in anger or addiction. Take heart, that in all seasons God is faithful and will complete His good work in you.

Whatever season you are in right now God is with you. Molding you, shaping you and working in you to become the person He created you to be; and by His grace He will carry you through to completion. You have a very bright future!

Dear Father, You are truly all I need. Shape me, Lord, mold me and continue to make me the person You created me to be. In Jesus' name, Amen.

What's News

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From the Council

All committees and groups are encouraged to submit their information for the newsletter by the end of each month to Connie Berg at ncberg@mncable.net

First United Newsletter

September 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 8:30am Coffee Fellowship 9:00am Worship Service	31 5:30pm Deacon meeting (Sept) 5:30pm Trustee meeting (Sept) 6:00pm Council meeting (Sept)	1 7:30am Men's Fellowship	2 7:00am Men's Community Breakfast at Roseau Evangelical Covenant Church	3	4	5
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13 NOTE: Schedule Time Change 9:00am Adult Sunday School - Parsonage 9:00am Sunday School 9:30am Coffee Fellowship 10:00am Worship Service 11:00am Mission/Outreach meeting	14	15 7:30am Men's Fellowship 6:00pm Feed My Lambs Update w/ Gary Sandmann	16 5:45pm Confirmation Class 7:00pm Youth Group Gr. 7-12	17	18	19
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Women of the Word



Quilting is done for the year. Be sure to join in on the fun next January.

(WOW) meets six times a year, on the second Monday at 6:30 pm.

We meet in February, April, June, September, November and December.

At our meetings we have a devotion and prayer and then discuss any necessary old business and whatever is coming up in the future. We try very hard to keep our meetings short and so are usually done by 7:30 – 8:15

Missions and Outreach

We meet the 2nd Sunday of each month at 11:00am after the church service.

We are active in our Community

- + Financial relief for local families with illness or disaster.
- + Support and organize benefits.
- + Provide free inspirational and faith growing books.
- + Roseau Community Food Shelf
- + Gideons
- + Provide opportunities for member to be involved in missions.

At First United we tithe 10 percent of our offerings to Missions and Outreach.

We provide disaster relief to local families for serious illness, accident, fire, etc. We support Psalm FM Radio on a monthly basis. We donate to the Sunshine House in Grand Forks. We donate to the Salvation Army; all donations stay local.

We support Feed My Lambs International in Mexico with Gary and Minnie Sandman and Chio and Betty and Jacob Broten in Chad Africa as our partners in the global outreach. We are grateful for the opportunity to support missions and through them bring God's Word and good works in our local area and throughout the world.

Team members: Collin and Doreen Jensen, Dorothy Monsrud, Esther Welin, Keith Rourke, Janet Hetteen, Mary Hites, Bruce Baumgartner, Jane Evans, Kim and Dave Reynolds.

Gary Sandmann is coming for a visit on Tuesday, September 15th. His schedule doesn't permit him to be here for a Sunday service so the M&O group is hosting a get together Tuesday the 15th in the dining hall. At this time, we are planning to serve BLTs at 6pm with a short report from Gary followed by a time to socialize. It will be a good time to get caught up on what is happening at Feed My Lambs and to show our support for Gary, Minnie, Chio, and Betty.

Shared Testimony:

Revelations 12:10-11

Then I heard a voice in heaven say: "Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God, and the authority of His Christ. For the accuser of our brothers, who accuses them before our God day and night, has been hurled down. They overcame him by the blood of the lamb and by the word of their testimony.

Give your testimony here; share what God has done in your life so others can be inspired and encouraged.

Grief Support

"Journeying through Grief" series is available for anyone who would like to reach out to a friend or family member grieving the loss of a loved one. Please contact any Missions and Outreach committee member.



Sunshine Girls

If you would like to be involved, call Helene Wiskow at 218-242-1246 or contact the Church Secretary for more information.

Roseau County Grief Support

13 week sessions using Grief Share materials at the Roseau Evangelical Covenant Church.

Currently ongoing. 6:30pm – 8:00pm

Contact Connie Berg for more information.
218-242-0803

Upcoming Events



The first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 am. (at a different church each month). All are welcome to attend. There will be food and a devotional to help get your day started.

Short enough to get you to work by 8:00 am or earlier if you need to. If you can stay longer, there is fellowship until 8:30 am.

Hope to see you there!



Communion is offered the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month

Our Community

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ACOUSTIC INSTRUMENTS ONLY

Inviting all singers, songwriters and musicians - any style of music!
Come share your songs, your voice, and your love of music in a friendly circle.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5TH AT 5PM
📍 @ ROSEAU CITY PARK
ON THE DECK BEHIND THE OFFICE

1 hour each month - Dates to be announced soon!

YOU'RE INVITED TO

WALK TO REMEMBER

Remembering the past
Preserving the present
For a future without
Alzheimer's

Saturday
SEPTEMBER 12, 2026

Location
ALLISON PARK
Warroad, MN

Time
9 AM - 11:30 AM
REGISTRATION, SILENT AUCTION, THEME BASKETS
LIVE MUSIC, PHOTO BOOTH & MORE
11:30 - CEREMONY & WALK
12:30 PM - LUNCH - FREE WILL DONATION

COME DRESSED IN **RED WHITE & BLUE**

Bring a photo **In Memory** or **In Honor** of your loved ones affected by Alzheimer's to put up on our Memory Wall

We can't wait to celebrate with you!

DONATIONS
WALK TO REMEMBER
C/O PAULA PETERSON
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From the Council

First United Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes

July 6, 2026

Present: Rich, Brad, Jenna, Rick, Norm B, Paula, Norm H, Scott, Joyce

Not Present: Gary, Connie, Dave, Dean

• Opening Devotion/Prayer: Scott

• Secretary's Report: Discussed June 2026 Council notes and motion was made to approve (Rich, Joyce).

Motion passed by UVV

• Treasurer's Report:

- Norm H reviewed June 2025 and June 2026 YTD financials compared to prior year and the approved 2026 budget
- Account balances 6/30/26 – CSB: \$22,292, Ameriprise: \$95,184, Edward Jones: \$34,077
- Motion (Rich, Rick) to approve the report. Council approved via UVV

• Office Report: Connie is on vacation and away from the office

- Turkey Meal is on schedule for July 15
- 4-H will be using the FULC facility on July 7 for their performing arts contest

• Youth Report: Paula provided an update including:

- Girls' Night Out: June 15 (Gr.7-12)
- Gr. 4-6: TRF Humane Society June 25
- Gr. 7-12 Swimming/Greenbush July 9
- July 10 Mission Trip meeting
- July 12: Introduce Youth & Chaperones at Worship, love offering to meet the final costs of trip (last fundraiser was rained out)
- July 25: 9 am Prayer Send-Off for Mission Trip – returning Sunday, August 2
- Northwest Angle Trip (gr. 7-12) Aug. 20-23
- VBS at Rose Free Lutheran Aug 2-6
- Gr. 7-12 will work with Drive-Thru meals at Turkey Supper and have a bonfire after the meal

• Pastor's Report: Dean was not available to share a report

• Media and Music: NTR

• Property Report: Norm provided a brief update

- Discussed the storage cabinet in the downstairs bathroom and a need for a checklist of items that are stored inside and a way to note if items need to be replenished.
- Norm to fill out the building permit for the Narthex remodel.
- Discussed Narthex expansion and potential funding. Discussed providing another update to the congregation in September.

• Mission and Outreach: NTR in Dave's absence

• Growth (Stewardship): NTR in Dave's absence

• Adult Education: NTR

• Old Business: Discussed downstairs storage room progress

• New Business:

- A Sunday School committee meeting will be planned for August

• Adjourn Meeting - Closed with the Lord's Prayer

• Next Council Meeting is scheduled for August 3, 2026